



# THE TAILBEARER

NEWSLETTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY,  
CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING ANIMALS.

June 2021

## HSSBV Golden Paws Gala A Go!

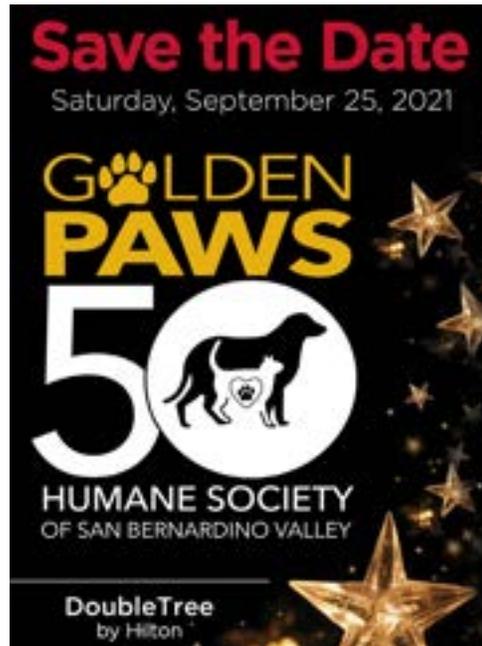
FINALLY! We are so excited to announce we will be hosting the HSSBV 50th Anniversary Golden Paws Gala on Saturday, September 25th at The Doubletree Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino. Tickets are on sale now for \$75 per person. We recommend purchasing tickets or a table as soon as possible, as we do anticipate this event will sell out.

Join us as we celebrate over 50 years of service to animals in our community. During the event we will have a live auction, raffles, awards presentation, as well as dinner and dancing.

Prizes for the auction and raffles will include: An Eastern Sierras vacation package, tickets to Disneyland, Mission Inn stay with breakfast, private tour of Garner Holt, Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski jewelry and so much more.

We hope you will join us for this once in a lifetime event that has now been TWO YEARS in the making.

Sponsorship opportunities and program ads are still available at this time. For more information on this event or to purchase tickets, please contact Jill Henderson at [jhenderson@hssbv.org](mailto:jhenderson@hssbv.org) or 909-386-1400 ext 224.



## Congratulations to HSSBV Volunteer of the Quarter, Leilani Hurtado

Congratulations to Leilani Hurtado, our Volunteer of the Quarter!



Leilani joined us in September of 2020 and has donated over 100 hours of her time and talent in our Surgical Recovery Department. "What made me decide to volunteer, was my love for animals. I also wanted to spend time learning in the career I am studying for," she said. Her favorite part of volunteering with the HSSBV is the other staff and volunteers she gets to be around, and of course, the animals.

Leilani has a black Labrador Retriever named Shadow, and two Shih Tzus, Roxy and Minnie. In her free time she loves to hike and to paint!

Congratulations, Leilani! Thank you for all you do!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday Shot Clinic: June 5 & 19

Pet Supplies Sale: June 18

HSSBV Closed: July 3 - 5

HSSBV Castle Park Discount Day:  
July 7

Check [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) for your discount flyer!

Saturday Shot Clinic: July 17

Saturday Shot Clinic: August 7 & 21

Paint Your Pet:  
August 7  
Held at Purple Easel, Ontario  
Visit [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) to register!

HSSBV Closed: September 4 - 6

Saturday Shot Clinic: September 18

GOLDEN PAWS GALA  
SEPTEMBER 25

Saturday Shot Clinic: October 2 & 16

Saturday Shot Clinic:  
November 6 & 20

Santa Paws Pet Photos & Boutique  
November 20

HSSBV Closed: November 25 - 28

Saturday Shot Clinic:  
December 4 & 18

HSSBV Closed  
December 17 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
December 23, 2021 - January 3, 2022



# HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM



Our Humane Education teachers and therapy dogs have been busy offering Career Days to Elementary Schools via Google Meet.

Teachers and students joined us on a virtual tour of the Humane Society and met many of our employees!

Two special guests were Shannon with her pig, Lacey. Lacey Moo, as she is affectionately referred to, is a Juliana pot belly pig. She will be six years old on September 12th! For five years, our Critter Campers have been overjoyed to visit with Shannon and Lacey!

How does Lacey keep so slim and trim at 70 pounds..... she loves Cheerios!

Humane Society board of directors, employees, and volunteers would like to thank SBCUSD students from Arrowhead and Lytle Creek, volunteers from Small Acts Big Change, and Stars of HOPE for creating such a thoughtful Gratitude Banner.

Stars in the banner recognize the hard work done by everyone at HSSBV to assist clients with their companion animals. The banner was a gift to our clinic as we celebrated Be Kind to Animals Week.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to Ms. Erica Williams, Arrowhead Counselor, Ms. Alice Geske, Lytle Creek Elementary School teacher, and Carolyn Dundee, Executive Director for Small Acts Big Change for motivating others to create compassionate and caring Stars of HOPE for the Humane Society Gratitude Banner.



## We Want To Stay Connected!

Make sure your information is up to date!

Use the donation envelope in this newsletter to mail in your completed donor information card!

You can also update your preferences!

We have new donor software and can now offer you your thank you letter and tax receipt documents via email or postal mail!

Want to connect even more? Be sure you are following our social media accounts!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hssbv](http://www.facebook.com/hssbv)

Instagram: [@humane\\_society\\_sbvalley](https://www.instagram.com/humane_society_sbvalley)

Twitter: [@hssbv](https://twitter.com/hssbv)



# CRUELTY INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

## A Trapped Snake



In April, our officers were called upon to help with an unusual situation in Yucaipa. A large Gopher Snake was caught in a rather small net in a resident's garden. The snake was apparently just passing through when he became entangled in a garden net meant to keep squirrels out. Unfortunately, the snake made matters worse by thrashing about until the net had gotten tightened to the point of digging into him. He was trapped in the net for 2 days, while the home owner was unable to find anyone willing to come out and free him.



When the homeowner contacted our officers at the HSSBV, they were pleasantly surprised that our officers were willing to come out and try to save the snake.

Upon arrival to the Humane Society, our staff set to freeing him from the rest of the net. The poor snake had become so entangled that he had to be cut out with some of the net still stuck around his body. He had moved around so much in an attempt to set himself free that there were rocks tangled in the net with him.

Once freed, the snake was found to be dehydrated and he had some minor skin wounds from the net digging into his skin. Staff also diagnosed him with an infection in his mouth. This guy needed a little bit more help before he could be released back into the wild. He was cared for over the next two weeks in our clinic with water, a safe place to rest and hide, antibiotics for his infection, and even enjoyed a meal for some strength before being released.



We are pleased to report our guest recovered very well and was released back into some scrub areas nearby to resume his life.

The Humane Society of San Bernardino cares for **ALL** animals in need. We strive to help and provide the best possible care for some of our less common animals. The very nice home owner in Yucaipa didn't want to harm this snake and realized she was sharing her neighborhood with him. Thankfully she was a voice for someone who didn't have one!

## Abandoned Baby Opossums



In April we received a call from a concerned citizen about abandoned baby opossums.

After no luck locating the mother of the babies, our officers took the baby opossums to our clinic to be cared for while we waited to hear back from the opossum rescue.

The babies are now healthy and thriving at the rescue!

## In Memory of Penny Rechsteiner



The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley would like to extend our sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Penny Rechsteiner.

Penny was a friend of the Humane Society and all kinds of critters. Over the last 10 plus years she helped with the rehabbing of many wild animals in need that our officers found while out in the community. Penny had a kind heart and never hesitated to help when called upon.

Rest well Penny, we will miss you.



# FROM THE VET'S DESK- DR. JOYCE & DOGTOR APOLLO



## KEEP YOUR PET SAFE DURING FIREWORKS

Fireworks season is here! More pets are lost during holidays that involve fireworks than any other day of the year.

We've outlined some steps below to help keep your pets safe this season.



Keep your pet indoors. Make sure all doors and windows are securely closed.



Have their crate (or other favorite hiding spot) available.



Consider visiting your veterinarian for sedatives if your pet gets anxious during fireworks.



Play music or white noise near your pet. This can help drown out the sudden noise of fireworks.



Ensure that your pet is wearing a collar and up-to-date ID tag!



Consider a thundershirt jacket to calm your pet down during this season!



Ensure that your pet has a microchip! Update the microchip information if your address or phone number changes.



Keep an eye on guests and children, as they can forget and leave doors and windows open for your pet to escape through.



Keep your pet in a separate, quiet, low-activity room when entertaining.



Use pheromone products to help calm your pet! Pheromones are smells released by animals when they are happy to communicate a calming signal. Plugging in these pheromone diffusers can help your pet feel safer! For dogs: Adaptyl® For cats: Feliway®





# SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

## Paint Your Pet BACK (And In Person) By Popular Demand!



Thank you for your patience while we had to reschedule this event. We know how much you all enjoy it.

Join us on August 7th to Paint Your Pet! As always, the amazing artists at Purple Easel will have the photo of your choice sketched on canvas and ready for you when you arrive. Then you will get step by step directions and help as needed (don't worry if you are not a trained artist!).

This unique event is a ton of fun. Bring your own drinks and snacks and all your friends who are ready for a night out!

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## Save the date for these other awesome events in 2021!

Castle Park Discount Day- July 10th! Details coming soon. Visit [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) for the most up to date information!

Fiesta Village Discount Day- August 14th! Visit [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) for your discount flyer!

Blessing of the Animals- October 4th! Join us as we come together to honor our beloved pets on St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, Day.

Santa Paws- November 20th! Please check our website and social media for updates on the format of this event!

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## Thank You For Supporting the Virtual Walk for Animals

Because of YOU we were able to raise \$6,000 during our Virtual Walk for the Animals event!

Thank you so much to everyone who walked at home, raised money, shopped our vendors, and engaged with the online event.

We are SO EXCITED to return to our regular "in person" format next year!

Miss the Virtual Walk? You can still access all the content on our facebook page!



### *Interested in dog training?*

#### **Contact our friends at Dances with Dogs Training Center!**

They use humane training techniques and classes are held at our facility. For more information visit [danceswithdogstc.com](http://danceswithdogstc.com) or call 909-496-5356.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

## **Jazmin Turns Lemons Into Lemonade... Into Donations to the HSSBV!**



We were so excited and touched that our new friend, Jazmin, hosted a lemonade stand in her neighborhood to purchase Wish List Items for the HSSBV!

After raising over \$100, Jazmin went shopping and picked up all of these items to help animals!

It is always so encouraging to see the young individuals in our community using their time and talent to give back to others!

Thank you so much to Jazmin and her family!



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## **Arrowhead Credit Union Highland Arrowheart Donates to the HSSBV**



Our friends at Arrowhead Credit Union and Arrowheart are back at it!

This time the Highland branch generously hosted a donation drive in support of the HSSBV, collecting items from our Wish List!

Thank you so much!

*\*Would you like to contribute a Wish List item? Check the back of this newsletter for the full list of items!*

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## **HSSBV Employees Celebrate Anniversaries!**

Please join us in celebrating these HSSBV employee anniversaries June - August:



Irene Vega - 4 years!

Matthew Seymour - 4 years

Vanessa Luna - 4 years!

Joanna Alvarez - 16 years!

Eric Cross - 20 years!!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE HSSBV!

**Donations from March 1, 2021 - May 31, 2021**

**Donations given in loving Memory of:**

Snowball by Mark Balloid	Marion Johnson by Her Loving Family	Diana Contreras by Kathryn Gestri	Mia by Shelly Ghassabian
Molly by Stephani Hansberger	Debie Guthrie by Cheryl Harbottle	Olga Keating by Robert Nichol	Frank Rickman by Sally Craig
Charlie by James Pollard	Corie Mini Bandid by Aurora Cuevas	Marie by Carmen Dominguez	Abby Many Sookie Bear by Kimberly Jean Holman
Gypsy by Lucia June Price	D.C. by Diane Coughlin	Lizzy by Colleen Valles	Marie Tokar by Robyn Tokar
Frankie by Judy Donohue		Franklin by Susan Bachman	Butch Gonzalez by Pedro Gonzalez

**Donations given in loving Honor of:**

Juantez by Barbara DeBlasis	Riley & Odie by Michael Perez	Madelynn Batson by Deborah & Larry Watson	Sparky by Sharyn Andersen	Debi Guthrie by Darala Stern
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***Make A Difference Club Members***

Diane Anderson ~ Val Cornwell ~ Christine Marquez ~ Lynda K. Munemitsu  
Julie Von Pertz ~ Michelle Walsh

***A special thank you to all of our in-kind and Wish List donors not included in this list!***

**We would also like to thank the following supporters who generously donated \$100 or more from March 1, 2021 - May 31, 2021**

Louba Aaronson	Marilyn Eazell	Brooke McKinight	Larry Schoelkopf
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**... And to so many other friends and steadfast contributors, past and present. We appreciate you. Thank you.**



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## HSSBV HOURS OF OPERATION

**Administration Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM

**Veterinary Clinic Hours-**  
**spay/neuter, vaccination, exams, etc.**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
PLEASE call 909-386-1400 to make  
an appointment.

**Saturday Shot Clinic**  
Held on the first and third Saturday  
each month from 8 AM- NOON.  
\*NEW- we are taking a limited number of Saturday ap-  
pointments. Please call 909-386-1400.

**Appointment Phone Lines**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Please keep in mind when contacting the HSSBV by  
phone, our call volume is extremely high, especially on  
Mondays, Fridays and before/after holidays. Our normal  
call volume, combined with effects of the current pan-  
demic can lead to extended hold times. You also have the  
option to leave a voicemail. On average, a return call can  
take up to three business days.  
We appreciate your understanding and patience.

## WISHES & WAGS

- **Dog houses** (new or in good condition)
- **Laundry detergent** HE (unscented)
- **Towels** (new & used)
- **Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten food**
- **Dog sweaters, especially holiday themed**
- **Kitty litter** (scoopable)
- **Dog & Cat beds and toys**
- **Blankets and towels** (new or gently used)
- **Office supplies, colored paper**
- **Pillowcases**
- **Newspapers**

... And we always need **people** like you!

We have opportunities for volunteers 18 and over  
in several areas!

Call us today at 909-386-1400 ext. 224

or **apply online at [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org).**

## DONATION INFO

The HSSBV is a private non-profit organization. We are not part of HSUS, the ASPCA, or city/state/county government. We are able to offer our programs and services through our own independent fund-raising efforts including events, individual donor gifts and grants. Please consider supporting in one or more of the following ways. We need this support now more than ever.

Thank you!

- **Donate-** use the enclosed envelope to donate, or visit our website [www.hssbv.org](http://www.hssbv.org) to donate online!
- Support our fundraising events!
- Choose HSSBV when you shop on Amazon Smile!
- Thinking of sending flowers? Choose Orange Blossom Florist in San Bernardino and mention us! We will get a percent of your purchase donated back!
- Consider including the HSSBV in your estate planning.
- Donate gift cards

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